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Mobile Library Program Begins

This February 23, the mobile jail library, which is a service offered as a result of a partnership between D.C. Department of Corrections and the District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL), officially went live.

DCPL Librarian, Danielle Zoller, began visiting housing units with a book-cart to circulate books to inmates a few weeks after the pilot for the program was launched in housing units NE2, NW3, and SO1.

"We are really excited to see this initiative take off," said Dr. LaToya Lane, Deputy Warden for Programs. "It's an opportunity for us to highlight the benefits of reading and education among our inmate population, and we look forward to viewing its continued success."

The program, which offers a variety of fiction and non-fiction books, also has a limited amount of Spanish language books, and looks to increase the book collection as it continues. Thus far, interested inmates have checked out over 200 books through the library.

Inmates interested in the service speak with the librarian about the book selection, browse the cart, and check out up to two books at a time. The books will then have to be returned when she circulates back to that housing unit, three weeks later. All books will be identified with the DC Public Library stamp.

By Darby Baham

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*-LaToya Lane,
Deputy Warden for Programs*



Video Visitation Continues to Expand with Community Sites

COME VISIT US AT OUR *FOUR* SATELLITE VIDEO VISITATION LOCATIONS!

1 MLK LIBRARY
901 G St NW
Washington, DC 20001

3 ANACOSTIA LIBRARY
1800 Good Hope Rd SE
Washington, DC 20020

2 BALD EAGLE RECREATION CENTER
100 Joliet St SW
Washington, DC 20032

4 DEANWOOD RECREATION CENTER
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Please call or visit the website for specific visitation hours.

In mid-February, DC DOC went live with the latest of its satellite video visitation locations, at Bald Eagle Recreation Center.

With this latest addition, the agency now offers four video visitation locations outside of the central Video Visitation Center (VVC) located at the DC General Hospital complex (adjacent to the jail) — at Martin Luther King Library, Anacostia Library, Bald Eagle Recreation Center, and Deanwood Recreation Center.

“We’ve found that the visitors are really excited about these [satellite] locations,” said Lieutenant John Armstrong, Video Visitation Manager. “They are [actually] the ones that fill up first when visitors call in to schedule.”

New Video Visitation Flyer

either calling the main VVC or through the on-line scheduler found on DOC’s webpage.

Visits are conducted Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 11am to 3pm at Bald Eagle; Sundays 2 pm to 5 pm at Anacostia Library; Wednesdays and Fridays from 2 pm to 8 pm at Deanwood Recreation Center; and Wednesdays from 11 am to 2 pm, Thursdays from 2 pm to 8 pm, and Fridays/Sundays from 2 pm to 5 pm at the original satellite location — Martin Luther King Library. Schedule changes/updates at the satellite locations are coordinated with the DOC Video Visitation Manager.

For more information about the satellite locations, visit the DOC webpage at <http://doc.dc.gov/service/online-scheduling-video-visitation> or contact Lt. Armstrong at (202) 442-6155.

By Darby Baham

DCDOC Expands Social Media Profile with Twitter, Flickr, and LinkedIn

This past Fall, DC DOC continued its foray into social media by implementing the agency’s first Twitter, Flickr accounts, and LinkedIn accounts.

The Twitter account (@DCCorrections) has been updating its followers on news about the agency, DC One Fund, Mayoral announcements and more. It is open to the public and often shares news similar to the Facebook account. The Flickr account has amassed a large cross section of DC DOC photos and makes it easier for the agency to share photos with internal and external partners. LinkedIn offers updates on DOC’s new job positions, posts articles from the newsletter, allows a platform for questions to the Human Resources Director, and serves as a vehicle for expanded recruitment.

“We are really excited to see the agency continue to expand on its social media efforts,” said Sylvia Lane, Government and Public Affairs Coordinator. “I’m proud to say that over the past two years, we’ve expanded outreach to the public and our stakeholders with accounts on Facebook, tumblr, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr, and now even LinkedIn.”

For more information on the Twitter and Flickr accounts, contact Darby Baham at darby.baham@dc.gov, and for more information on the LinkedIn account, contact Marie Oliveria at marie.oliveria@dc.gov.

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Pictured: a view of the DOC twitter account

Getting to Know Mr. Booth

Quincy L. Booth has served as Deputy Director for Management Support since October 2014. He previously served as the Chief of Staff to the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (Washington, DC), where his duties included working with local and federal partners to advocate for prevention, intervention, after-care and juvenile re-entry.

Additionally, he worked closely with the public safety and justice agencies, such as the Metropolitan Police Department, Fire and Emergency Medical Services and the Department of Corrections, to ensure that quality services were provided to District residents in a fiscally responsible manner.

Prior to serving in the Mayor's office, Mr. Booth held various positions at the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the District of Columbia (CJCC). He began with the CJCC as the former Juvenile Justice Compliance Monitor, where he collaborated with the Department of Justice-Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to become an expert on all statutory legal requirements (e.g., Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act), regulations and guiding principles related to juvenile justice, as well as ensuring the District maintained compliance with federal regulations.

Mr. Booth also designed and monitored compliance strategies resulting in a 30% reduction in Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act violations between calendar year 2004-2005. Eventually, rising to the position of Deputy Director, Mr. Booth was responsible for planning, development and assisting with preparation of budgets, contracts, procurement and office management for the CJCC.

Previous to joining the CJCC, Mr. Booth was an elementary teacher for the District of Columbia Public Schools. During his teaching experience he developed a special interest in promoting success for inner-city youth. He holds a degree in Marketing and a Masters degree in Public Administration. He is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and resident of Ward 8.

Profile: Quincy Booth

Quincy Booth joined DC DOC in October 2014, after serving as Chief of Staff in the Deputy Mayor's office since 2011. He now serves as Deputy Director for Management Support.

Please read below to learn more about Quincy Booth.



Q: What influenced your decision to join the executive team at DOC?

A: I've always worked with DOC probably back to when I started working with the Deputy Mayor's office in 2004 and was intrigued by the professionalism and my overall enjoyable interaction with the people who worked here. And that only improved when I came back as Chief of Staff in 2011. I enjoyed interacting with the Director and his key staff, and it piqued my interest when the position became available. I do not regret [my decision to come], but I will say that there are moments when I am a little sad because I wish I was able to work with Deputy Director Cross more closely, when I wish I could go next door and talk to her.

Q: What have you most enjoyed about working for DC Corrections?

A: A lot. I've learned a lot from the Director and his leadership, and I appreciate his continued guidance as well as the team that I inherited. I've probably never been in an environment this size where the level of comradery really makes you feel like it's a family. It's pretty refreshing and encouraging. The people here have a spirit and an attitude of "how can I help you," and I really appreciate that.

Q: What are some of your short term/long term priorities as the Deputy Director for Management Support?

A: Immediately, part of my daily assignment is continuing to learn more about the agency in a formal and informal way. I knew a lot about DOC coming in, but it's different being in it now. So I have met with my team and established a framework that is about understanding how we can help, because that's essentially what we're here to do — support the work of others. Hopefully in the next month or two, we will have a strategic plan that gets at eliminating the difference between what the perceptions are of what each office does and the reality of what each office does. Once we have that firmed up, then we can really begin to reach for our full potential.

Q: Tell us a bit about yourself—some of your hobbies and interests.

A: I enjoy traveling, photography, and when the weather is a little warmer, I do semi-long distance bike riding and long distance running.

Juvenile Unit has Successful Holiday Visits

For some time now the DC DOC juvenile unit has implemented programming that builds on youth strengths, provides support and addresses many of the risk factors that have led to them becoming system involved. In an effort to support these goals, juvenile residents who have achieved gold tier status have been allowed face-to-face visits with family members at the CTF. Most recently, for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the entire juvenile population was allowed to have contact visits with parents and or guardians.

When the announcement was made, the juveniles were obviously pleased, and their attitudes and behavior reflected excitement. When visits were held, the joy expressed was really something to witness. Family members expressed appreciation for the opportunity to bond with their loved ones when leaving the facility. "The visits have had a calming effect on the unit," said John Myrick, Juvenile Unit Case Manager. "It is something I hope we will do again for the juveniles and their families."

Staff believes that the face-to-face support has had a positive effect on the unit overall. Disciplinary issues have decreased and educational adjustment has improved. It seems that this support has helped the juveniles with the adjustment to incarceration and minimized some of the stressors that come with it.

By Fred Rogers

Team Menefee Supports Diabetes Walk

On December 13, DC DOC staff came together to support one of their own, but also raise awareness for a health issue that affects many in the United States by participating in the Diabetes Walk.

Prior to the walk, purple hoodies were ordered to represent the DC DOC team; signs were created; and tables were set up with water, orange juice, fruit, mixed nuts, and energy bars. As an added incentive, a challenge to compete with fervor was issued to the staff of the D.C. Jail. But more importantly, the walk was an opportunity to bring staff together and encourage a healthier lifestyle among employees.

On the morning of the walk, Sergeant Sheila Marr made an impassioned speech to set the tone of the day. "We are out here for a little friendly competition, and it is all in fun," she said. "[But] we are one agency walking the toughest beat in town."

Beginning at 9:30am, DOC and CTF staff walked down Potomac Ave, and onto Pennsylvania Ave until they saw the Wells Fargo Bank, and turned around.

"We had a lot of fun," said Captain Nora Talley. "[And] we are so grateful to CTF for the opportunity to come together as one."

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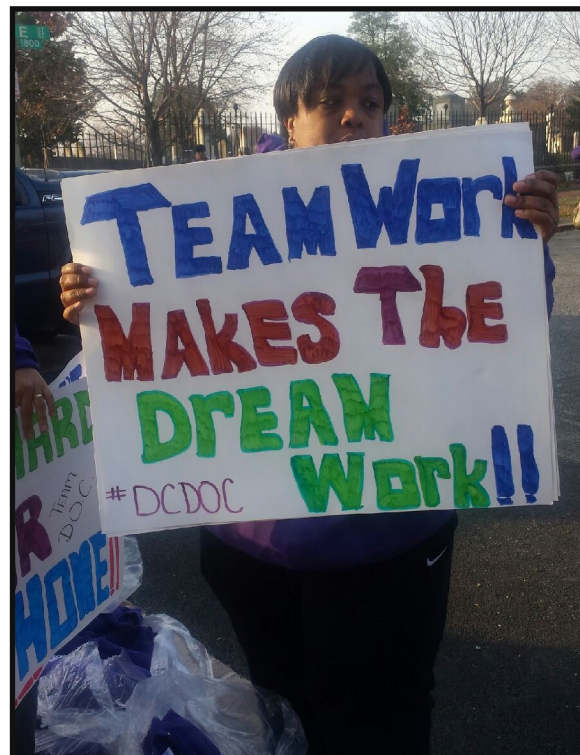


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